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- 1. Prior to 24 February 1951, Volkspolizei Dienststelle (VPD) in Quedlinburg was located at Quarmbeck airfield. It numbered 1,600 police and was organized into 3 infantry Kommandos, each consisting of 3 rifle Abteilungen, I heavy machine gun Abteilung, I medium mortar Abteilung, I armored Zug, and I signal Zug; I Kommando, consisting of an armored element and an artillery element of equal size (F-3); and 7 Sonderabteilungen, i.e., combat engineer. construction engineer, reconnaissance, signal, AAA, medium mortar, and AT 50X1-HUM artillery units.

  | each Kommando was to be brought up to battalion strength, that is to about 350 to 400 police, and each Abteilung to company strength. The enlisted personnel of the VPD was about 40 percent below the authorized strength.
- Officers of the VPD in Quedlinburg included VP Kommandeur Manik, (fnu), commanding officer, who had been trained in the U.S.S.R.; VP Kommandeur Neitsch, (fnu), PK officer; VP Oberrat Borg, (fnu), chief of staff; VP Oberrat Hager, (fnu), assistant chief of staff; VP Oberrat Heusel, (fnu), director of training; VP Rat Becker, (fnu), administrative officer; VP Kommandeur Torkin, (fnu), Soviet liaison officer; VP Rat Luettich, (fnu), liaison officer to the HVA; VP Oberkommissar Grimm, (fnu), assistant to Luettich; VP Kommissar Kurz, (fnu), SED secretary; and VP Kommissar Behrendt, (fnu), FDJ secretary, \*
- 3. Each infantry Kommando of the VPD was equipped with 3 x 80-mm mortars, 3 model 08 heavy machine guns, 9 model 34 light machine guns, 30 models 38 and 14 submachine guns, 20 model 5-44 carbines with ten-round magazines, 90 model 98-K carbines and 45 Belgian 7.65-mm pistols. The combined armored and artillery Kommando was equipped with 1 medium tank, 1 armored reconnaissance car, and 1 x 105-mm field howitzer. The heavy weapons were stored in a sealed ordnance room. The Sonderabteilungen had 1 x 88-mm AA gun, 3 x 80-mm mortars, and 1 AT gun of about 50-mm.
- h. The VPD was equipped with about 10 pontoons and 8 x 350-ccm RRW motorcycles.

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combined armored and artillery Kommando is considered to be an interim unit prior to the activation of an artillery Kommando and

an armored Sonderabteilung.

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